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SUBJECT: DRUG ABUSE IN WESTERN EUROPE (C-DI-6-50012)

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1. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA TWO
REFTEL: (A) WHAT IS THE BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER
OF DAILY CHRONIC USERS (I.E., ADDICTS) OF HEROIN OR OTHER
OPIATES IN LUXEMBOURG?

-- THE BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF CHRONIC USERS AT A MAXIMUM
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IF FIFTY, MINIMUM TWENTY. THIS IS IN FACT THE FIRST YEAR

HEROIN USE IN LUXEMBOURG HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED. OF THE FIVE DRUG OVERDOSES WHICH OCCURRED IN LUXEMBOURG, THREE WERE FROM AMPHETAMINE ABUSE AND TWO RESULTED FROM HEROIN ABUSE. DRUG RELATED DEATHS IN SOME NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES INCLUDED 92 GERMANY; 24 FRANCE; 9 BELGIUM AND 10 SWITZERLAND. THESE STATISTICS REFLECT INCREASED DRUG USAGE THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

(B) DOES AN OFFICIAL DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT PROGRAM CURRENTLY EXIST; AND, IF SO, HOW MANY HEROIN ADDICTS ARE REGISTERED?

-- REPORTEDLY THERE HAVE BEEN 280 OFFICIAL DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CASES IN LUXEMBOURG. ONE HUNDRED THIRTY COURT OR SOCIAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT REFERRALS CONTINUED FOLLOW-UP CARE IN THE ONE DESIGNATED LUXEMBOURG NEURO-PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN CASES WERE SEEN AND CONTINUED FURTHER; SIXTY REFUSED TO CONTINUE A SUGGESTED VOLUNTARY PROGRAM; SEVENTEEN FINISHED TREATMENT; SEVENTEEN ARE IN CURRENT PROGRAMS AND AS NOTED ABOVE, FIVE DIED OF OVERDOSES. THERE ARE TEN HEROIN ADDICTS REGISTERED.

(C) ARE THERE ANY PRIVATE DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS OR CENTERS IN LUXEMBOURG; AND, IF SO, HOW MANY ADDICTS ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN SUCH PROGRAMS?

-- THERE ARE NO PRIVATE DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CENTERS IN LUXEMBOURG. CASES KNOWN TO SEEK PRIVATE CARE, GENERALLY WENT TO EITHER GERMANY OR SWITZERLAND FOR TREATMENT. THE NUMBERS ARE EXTREMELY LOW.

(D) WHAT IS THE BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF THE PROBABLE NUMBER OF HEROIN OR OPIUM ADDICTS NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING TREATMENT IN EITHER A GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATELY SPONSORED PROGRAM? WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR YOUR ESTIMATE, I. E., POLICE RECORDS, HOSPITAL AND CLINIC RECORDS, OTHER?

-- NOT IN EXCESS OF FORTY. ESTIMATE BASED ON CONFERENCE WITH POLICE OFFICIALS. GINN

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